

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 13, which starts with “FIG. 61 shows” as follows:

~~FIG. 61 shows a perspective view of a support surface to be used with the modular desk of FIG. 1;~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 23, which starts with “FIG. 75C is a side view” with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 75C D is a side view of the bracket of FIG. 75A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24, which starts with “FIG. 75D is a bottom view” with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 75D E is a bottom view of the bracket of FIG. 75A.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 26, which starts with “The rear portions of the cables and wiring” with the following amended paragraph:

The rear portions of the cables and wiring are hidden from sight by ~~an upper~~ ^a rectangular upper rear panel 166 that is snapped into attachment with the upper rear walls 120 of the stanchions 108, 110. As shown in FIGS. 23 and 24, each end of the rear panel 166 has a lower hook 167 that engages the top edge of the lower rear wall 122 and an upper flexible insertion piece 169 that is forced through a rectangular opening 171 formed in the upper rear wall 120 and expands so as to prevent its removal therefrom. A lower rectangular rear panel 168 is screwed to the lower rear walls 122 of the stanchions 108, 110 and bottom edge of the panel 168 is flush with the bottom edge of the bottom stanchion surface 126. The panels 166 and 168 cover the area between the stanchions 108, 112 that extends from the bottom of the stanchions to the top of the stanchions. The upper rear panel 166 and the lower rear panel 168 each have a length so as to extend to the stanchions 108, 110. The upper rear panel 166 has a height of approximately 17 inches so that its lower edge is flush with the rear edges of the power modules 154. The lower

rear panel 168 has a height of approximately 13' inches and has a top edge adjacent to the bottom edge of the upper rear panel 166 and a bottom edge flush with the bottom edges of the stanchions 108 and 110[.], so that the panels 166 and 168 have a combined height that is approximately the same as the height of the floor stanchions 108, 110. The panels 166 and 168 may be made of steel or may be a cloth covered tile.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 14, which starts with "As shown in FIGS. 1-4, 32-33 and 38" with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in FIGS. 1-4, 32-33 and 38, a storage member, such as a shelf 240 or a storage cabinet 242 may be supported above the worksurface member 104. As shown in FIG. 33, the shelf 240 preferably has a length that spans at least the length between the stanchions 108, 110 and is not contained within an enclosure so that items can be easily placed on its top surface. The shelf 240 preferably is made of the same material as the worksurface member 104. The shelf 240 can be attached directly to the top of the stanchions 108, 110, 197 by removing their respective plastic caps 243 (see FIGS. 66A-B) from the top of the stanchions and using a pair of draw rods 245 (see FIG. 67) to compressively attach a metal bracket 301 to the top of the stanchions. In particular, the draw rods 245 are inserted through corresponding openings 305 formed in the bracket 301 so that their lower threaded ends 247 engage a pair of threaded openings formed in a bracket attached within the stanchions. The threaded ends 247 engage the threaded openings approximately 0.25 inches below the top of the stanchions. As the draw rods are rotated, their top ends 249 press down on the plate 307 of the bracket 301 and compress the bracket 301 against bracket 301 against the top of the stanchion. Once the bracket is compressively attached, the bottom of the shelf 240 is bolted to the horizontal plate 299 of bracket 301 (see FIGS. 75A-E).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 22, which starts with "As shown in FIGS. 68 and 71" with the following amended paragraph:

As shown in FIGS. 68 and 71, the upper stanchion 248 has a top edge 264 that has a

length of approximately 3.7 inches, a base 266 having a length of approximately 4.25 inches, a front edge 268 having a length of approximately 9.64[‘’] inches and a rear edge 270 having a length of approximately 9.625 inches. The base 266 includes a pair of one inch long legs 260. The upper stanchion 248 has a maximum thickness of approximately 1.125 inches as defined as the separation between the side walls 272, 274. As shown in FIGS. 68 and 71, the cross-section of the upper stanchion 248 changes from the bottom stanchion surface 260 and the top section surface 262. Furthermore, the cross-section of the upper stanchion 248 differs from that of the floor stanchion 108.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 14, which starts with “As shown in FIGS. 68 and 71” with the following amended paragraph:

The storage cabinet 242 is attached to each vertical support 244 and 246 by a compressive attachment system that is similar to that used to attach the shelf 240 to the shorter vertical supports 244 and 246 of FIGS. 68-71. The bracket 301 of FIGS. 75A-E has an extending arm 303 (length approximately 11.25 inches and width of approximately 0.5 inches upon which the storage cabinet 242 rests and is attached thereto). The extending arm 303 has a length such that the storage cabinet 242 can be moved to different positions on the plate 299 above the arm 303 when attached. If a rear panel is not to be used, then the rear wall 296 can be positioned on the arms 303 so as to be flush with the rear panels of the modular desk 100. If a rear panel is to be positioned in back of the storage cabinet 242, the rear wall 296 can be moved inwards by approximately one inch from the rear edge of the bracket 301 so as to accommodate the rear panel.